



APPROVED MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD

7506 E. Indian School Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

July 16, 2003

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order at 5:42 p.m. by Dan Basinger, Board Chair. The presence of a quorum was noted.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair
 Don Manthe, Vice Chair
 Lynn Ashby
 Michele Cohen
 Ron Hand
 Brian Munson
 Randy Nussbaum

City Staff Present: Larry Person
 Randy Grant
 Anthony Floyd
 Chuck Skidmore

Others Present: Jessica Godley, ASU student

Chair Basinger welcomed new Board Member, Ron Hand.

APPROVAL OF 6/18/03 MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Ashby, the minutes for the 6/18/03 meeting were approved as presented. The motion

passed by a vote of four (4) to zero (0), with Board Members Cohen and Munson abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

- **ESLO Update**

Mr. Grant recalled that staff had presented ESLO amendments to the City Council in April. He explained that the purpose of the amendments were to clarify some elements that had been identified as conflicts, and to add some graphics to more accurately reflect types of development that could occur. At that time, he stated that City Council requested more information on seven specific areas.

- 1.) Relationship between ESL and drainage
- 2.) Issue of wildlife corridors
- 3.) Perimeter walls
- 4.) Building envelopes
- 5.) Status of density bonus
- 6.) Boulder definitions
- 7.) Natural area open space

Mr. Grant reviewed the issues relating to each of the seven areas and responded to Board Member questions. He stated that a meeting would be held to discuss these issues. Mr. Grant noted that Board Member Manthe had volunteered to represent the EQAB, and that interested parties from the Planning Commission and concerned citizens would be included.

Mr. Grant stated that staff would return to City Council in late September or October with the requested information.

- **Green Building Report**

Mr. Hand reported that the new Green Building Committee member appointments had been approved the previous month by the EQAB. Chair Basinger noted that, as Mr. Hand was now an EQAB Board Member, he had appointed Richard Zimmerman and Richard Polito to the Green Building Committee.

(Board Member Nussbaum joined the meeting)

Mr. Hand went on to advise that the Building and Energy Code had been officially adopted by City Council on June 17. He also noted that green building inspection has now been integrated into plan review and

inspection. Mr. Hand advised the Board Members that an advertisement for the Green Building Expo in October would be sent to approximately 100 builders, and that plans for the Expo were progressing well. He distributed a draft copy of the Green Building Progress Report, and Mr. Floyd noted that the report should be in final form by the end of July. Mr. Hand went on to state that the Green Building Guide for new residential construction was nearing completion as well.

Mr. Skidmore reported on the ongoing efforts to incorporate green building into the Senior Center. He stated that discussions about building methods were progressing well on all aspects, and that staff was looking forward to the results of the feasibility study.

Mr. Hand continued his report by distributing a copy of the Remodeling Guidelines. He stated that the final draft would be available by the end of August and would take its place with the family of documents being prepared by the City and ASU as a comprehensive resource. Mr. Floyd added that the Commercial Guidelines prepared by the Green Building Committee were being compared to LEED and were being modified, with completion scheduled by September.

Mr. Hand advised that the Green Lecture Series would resume in the fall and that a sub committee is planning the schedule. He also mentioned that the Solar Lecture Series continues on the third Thursday of each month through the summer.

- **Sustainability Indicators Report**

Mr. Person recalled that the most recent iteration had been distributed at the previous meeting, but had not yet gone to print. He stated that the Board Members still had an opportunity to make comments. He also noted that a reporter from the Arizona Republic had expressed interest in Scottsdale's position on air quality, and that Mr. Person had forwarded a draft copy of the sustainability indicators report. Mr. Person expects some print coverage relative to the indicators in the near future.

- **Sol Fest**

Board Member Nussbaum explained efforts to procure "bed tax" funding for SolFest. Mr. Person noted that a staff meeting would be held the following week to encourage total City involvement in Sol Fest and propose an official City of Scottsdale sponsorship in the project. He stated that staff hoped to develop a strategy for approaching Valley Forward with a proposal to hold a regional Earth Day event at West World in conjunction with Sol Fest.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Restoration**

Mr. Person noted that he had been unable to contact Mr. Workman for this agenda item. Mr. Person referred to the City's Native Plant Salvaging Ordinance, and explained statistics now being recorded indicate a 90 percent success rate for the plants designated for salvage for the last four years. He added that a recent decline to 87 percent has occurred, and discussion ensued as to the significance and possible cause of the downward trend. Board Member Ashby cited the drought as a contributing factor and suggested contacting the Preserve regarding salvaging the plants not selected by the City for salvage.

- **C-NUW**

Mr. Person noted that the Center for Native and Urban Wildlife at Scottsdale Community College is currently involved in a plant propagation program to revegetate damaged portions of the Preserve. He discussed some of the techniques used and noted that the Center is also doing a species survey to ensure that planting and revegetation focuses on the appropriate indigenous plants.

Mr. Person discussed the results of the recently conducted EPA Audit. He referred to the City's original goal of diverting 5 percent of solid waste collected by brush crews to a green waste pilot program. He reported that the program is now diverting 40 percent of solid waste, and that EPA was very impressed with the program.

Chair Basinger announced that Mr. Person has moved to the Office of Environment and Preservation and that his office is now in the One Civic Center Building.

- **Environmental Report to Council**

Chair Basinger recalled that the EQAB had presented a report to Council at their retreat the previous year. He asked for direction from the Board as to this year's report. After discussion it was agreed that the annual retreat would be an appropriate venue for drafting an environmental report. The Board Members decided to meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20 for the retreat session, and to incorporate the regular monthly meeting as well. Chair Basinger proposed a dual purpose for the August meeting: discussion of strategic plans for the Board, and discussion of the Environmental Report to Council.

There was further discussion as to the accomplishments of the EQAB, and Board Member Cohen stressed the importance of including the many projects and accomplishments of the Green Building Committee. Board Member Nussbaum requested a listing of major EQAB projects, accomplishments and failures from previous years. He also asked for a summary of events that Board Members have been involved in. Board Member Nussbaum suggested scheduling occasional meetings at other locations to encourage public participation. Mr. Person suggested presenting the new Sustainability Indicators Report to Council in conjunction with the Environmental Report. There was discussion as to the possibility of hosting lunch for several of the Council members. Chair Basinger indicated he would pursue that suggestion.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Vice Chair Manthe reiterated Board Member Nussbaum's suggestion from the previous meeting that a resolution be drafted complimenting the Green Building Committee on the quality of their programs.

Vice Chair Manthe commended the sub-committee on their efforts and research into the noise ordinance issues.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made and duly seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg
Court Reporter